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Political Indoctrination

1. The so-called political indoctrination was quite a new experience to Source who had just returned from a forced labor camp in Russia. [redacted] the historical background and the current environment of the People's Republic through political indoctrinations, which included such subjects as "the growth of the People's Republic", "foreign aid to the People's Republic after the War", etc. Subjects taken up in the political study are outlined as follows:
 - A. The Korean War was started with the aggressive attacks by the South Korean Government. During the War, the People's Armed Forces fought against the American troops, one of the toughest foes in the world, which resulted in a decisive victory over the enemy.
 - B. Scores of heroes, who fought for their fatherland in the battle, were introduced to the lecture audience. (Their names, brief personal histories, their achievements, etc. were also explained.)
 - C. In a study of the history of the People's Republic, it was taught that, after the liberation of Korea, three (3) political parties were organized in North Korea, and then the People's Republic was established. With the foundation of the People's Republic, many law and decrees were enacted and promulgated for the people.
 - D. After the Armistice, the Soviet Russia rendered various assistance, and Czechoslovakia gave buses as gifts to the People's Republic.
 - E. The American Armed Forces slaughtered ruthlessly masses of people, when they marched into North Korea.

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2. [redacted] This was an open-air class held for approximately two (2) hours every week during this period.

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Non-Communist Activities

3. It is understood that no individual person is allowed to own a radio privately. If not, there must be some measures to prevent the public from listening to non-communist broadcasts. And the Communist also prohibit the reading of non-communist publications.

Communist Activities

4. [redacted]
 - A. Communism had brought about a sweeping change in the customs and the life of the North Korean people.
 - B. The time-honored custom of respect towards one's elders had died out completely. Instead of this, the people obey the Communists for fear, and fall into a habit of submitting themselves to them.
 - C. Considerable portions of the language familiar to the public in the past had become obsolete and newly-coined words and phraseology² had come into use.
 - D. Most people wore quilted clothes such as those used by the people in Communist China. In respect to the fashion of clothes, however, North Korean people were taking after the Russian laborers.
 - E. Superstitious functions and religious activities, as a whole, had been abolished.

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5. The public was in distress for their livelihood, but the North Korea authority could not take any action to meet the situation. Judging from this, the food supply must have been in a most critical situation. 25X1
6. [redacted] a public notice to the effect that murders, who butchered children and sold their flesh as dog meat, had been detected by the authorities; they would be tried at a public trial at P'yongyang Stadium [redacted] and the trial would be open to the public. 25X1
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(9) children had been slaughtered in a certain restaurant in P'yongyang, and those criminals involved in this case were tried, sentenced to death, and executed in public.
1. Comment: There was a students' plot, known as the "Huilang-dan" Case in P'yongyang. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted]
2. [redacted] Comment: These newly coined words are mostly derived from the Hamgyong-do dialects. Speaking in Hamgyong-do accent implies the qualifications of a Party member, and one who is able to speak fluently in the Hamgyong-do accent would make a rapid rise in the Communist world. Therefore, Hamgyong-do dialectics are regarded as a very useful weapon under the Communist regime.

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